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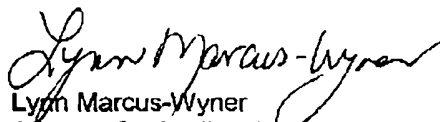
With entry of the instant amendment, claims 40 - 48 are pending. Claims 1 - 39 were previously canceled as directed to the non-elected invention. Original claim 40 has been amended, and dependent claims 41 - 48 are new. New matter has not been introduced by the present amendment.

Minor corrections have been made to claim 40, the abbreviation KLG has been defined as 2-keto-L-gulonic acid and letters (a, b and c) have been added to the steps. Support for claims 41 - 48 is found through out the specification, for example in the original claims and specific examples.

Applicant has requested that the specification be amended to reflect that the present application is a divisional application, and not a CIP, of parent application 09/205,874, now USP 6,358,715. On August 23, 2002, Applicant submitted a request for a corrected official filing receipt. To date, a response from the Application Processing Division has not been received. However, upon further review of the file wrapper, it appears that the initial transmission papers requesting the filing of the present application was confusing. Page 1 of the Application Transmittal indicated applicant was filing a divisional application. However, at page 2, point 13, applicant requested amendment of the specification and inadvertently checked the continuation-in-part box as opposed to the divisional box. Applicant has herein requested that the first line of the specification be amended to read that this application is a divisional application.

Applicant believes the claims are in condition for allowance and an early allowance for claims 40 - 48 is kindly requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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